

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 24, 1852.

The Intelligencer.

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GEN. GRANT'S statement that he will accept a third term nomination if tendered him, conveys no new information to people who have observed the actions of the ex-President and the drift of events for the past few months. His silence at the time when it would not only have been proper, but in some respects desirable that he should speak upon the subject, has been an expressive and significant statement. The fact that he has been so silent at the time when it would not only have been proper, but in some respects desirable that he should speak upon the subject, has been an expressive and significant statement.

The gravest disputes seem to have arisen upon more malodorous contention in the lower part of the State, than in this section where they were better understood. The Charleston Gazette, nothing the mention of the name of President Thompson, of the State University, as one of the alleged conspirators against the peace and dignity of the Democratic party in this State, wants to know how that institution could dispense with the services of its official head in the midst of a session, and the Courier, stating that Thompson's business in Washington was solely for the purpose of procuring a military instructor for the University Cadet Corps, refers to the editor of the Gazette as having "accomplished what he might well have acquired under the schooling of skunks."

We understand that there is some talk among members of the various lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in this city, as to purchasing the property of the Wheeling Library Association, if a satisfactory arrangement can be made, and transferring the library to its old quarters in the Odd Fellows Building. If the details of the proposed plan now talked of can be worked out, it is intended that the library shall still be open to the public on terms no more burdensome than those now fixed, but that the library shall be owned, managed and kept up by the Odd Fellows organization.

It is probable that the library thus conducted would become of more public benefit than it is at present. There are about two thousand members of the Order in this city, and most of them would be inclined to use the library were it transferred as proposed and kept open at convenient hours. If, in addition to this, the public was admitted to equal privileges on proper conditions, the institution would be at least as likely to serve the purpose for which it was intended as at present, and would be secure against the misadventures which now threaten it.

As we understand it, the proposition is yet in an incipient state, and will not take any definite shape until the committee of the various lodges meet and consider it. We refer to the matter only because a good many of our readers are interested in the library and the Order which it is suggested shall hereafter control it.

"The third-term boom is dead," says Charles Nordhoff, in summing up the opinion of Republicans in the House at Washington on the Harrisburg convention. Sapp and Deering of Iowa, Bingham of Pennsylvania, Keller of Ohio and Willis of Michigan are quoted by the New York Tribune as saying more or less strongly that the convention checks the Grant boom. "It winds up Grant," is Garfield's way of putting it. Chalmers of Mississippi and Whitmore of Tennessee, Democrats, both express regret that the Grant boom is declining in consequence of the convention. A few congressmen, Harris of Massachusetts among them, look on Blaine as gaining greatly by the vote in his favor. Fryer Blaine and Robinson for Grant express the unadmitted gratification of jealousy over the result. Among the New York papers the bare fact that Grant has carried the first important State convention is given most weight. In comment, but the New York Times evidently considers that the situation gives reason for deep meditation, and it comments on events at Harrisburg, and denounces its attack on Sherman, who, judging from the Times, is to-day the most formidable candidate of the list.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAR CLAIMS decided to-day to report adversely on the claim of Burbridge & Co., amounting to \$40,000, for sugar, molasses and rum sequestered by General B. F. Butler at New Orleans.

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THE REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE FIRST Auditor's office of the Treasury Department, who was sent to investigate the books and papers of Thomas Ambrose, late clerk of the United States Courts of the Southern District of Ohio, has been received. It shows that Ambrose earned from the United States and from individuals, costs and fees over and above his maximum compensation and expenses of clerk here, and that he did not credit his earnings in his account. There have been from the year of 1872 to 1875 inclusive, the excess during that time being \$552.57. It was found also that he charged for records far in excess of the actual number of folios, and for copies of papers for the District Attorney aggregating several thousand dollars.

RENO WANTS TO RESIGN. Major Reno having learned of the approval of the sentence of the court martial dismissing him from the service, has telegraphed the President to be allowed to resign. The President has the request under consideration, and the orders of the War Department in Reno's case are delayed by his decision.

THE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISING INSPECTORS. The session of the Board of Supervising Inspectors of steam vessels adjourned to-day. The following business of importance has been transacted: The pilots rules of western rivers were changed so as to give the descending steamer absolute right of way. The form of all certificates of inspection of passenger, ferry, freight and towing vessels was changed by striking down the backs thereof the memorandum

AT THE CAPITAL.

The Sherman-Boynton Imbroglio.

The Investigation of Clerk Ambrose, of Cincinnati.

Proceedings of Board of Supervising Inspectors.

The Do-Nothing Spirit of Congress.

Congressional Gossip and Committee Reports.

DISTRICT DELEGATES TO CHICAGO.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—In order to keep the mob away from the hall yesterday, the report was circulated that the Convention had adjourned over to Monday. Hence the selection of delegates last night was a surprise to many. But even now it is impossible to tell with certainty whom the delegates are for. Their friends do not agree. Cook is regarded by many as a Sherman man. It is certain that many of Sherman's friends worked for Cook's appointment. In all the confusion as to this, the fact is certain that Bob Taggart, the right hand man to Blaine was defeated when his friends were most confident he would be selected. It is intimated in the Sunday papers to-day that Bob can go to Illinois and get himself nominated as a delegate, and thus lose his second chance to put Blaine in nomination with a mighty sweep.

SLOW WORK OF CONGRESS.

Business in Congress is already far behind hand, and getting more so every week. The House has spent a great part of the time since the recess in discussing the proposed revision of the rules, and is yet far from the end. Indeed, it is still in the thick of a hot fight over the control of the Appropriations Committee, continuing their efforts to cripple its powers, upon which they have already trenched by taking from it the control of the river and harbor improvements, Agricultural Department and public buildings. Meanwhile the Appropriations Committee does not consider it wise to report any more bills, and everything waits the completion of the rule-making process, which threatens to run on for days or weeks yet. The Senate is taking matters quite as easily as the House, and Mr. Hear, in giving stricter attention to business the other day, declared that he had never known a session of the Senate so little had been accomplished at this stage. It is evident enough that all hopes of a short session may well be given up.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

The Executive Committee of the Republican Congressional Committee held a meeting yesterday and determined to address a circular letter to the Republicans of Virginia, urging them to maintain an independent organization, and form no entangling alliances with outside factions or parties. It is understood that the Executive Committee of the National Republican Committee will give the same advice to the Virginia Republicans. It is thought that if this advice is followed, in the division which presently exists in the Democratic party in Virginia, there will be a good show for the election of Republican Electors in November.

RELIEF FOR GEORGIA.

Representative Hammond introduced a bill for the relief of the State of Georgia. It directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the State of Georgia the proceeds of the cotton tax from her possession by agents of the United States, which may be ascertained to be in the Treasury of the United States.

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HIS LATEST SAY.

Grant Says, or Rather His Ubiquitous Friend,

That He Was Not, is Not, Nor Will Not be a Candidate

Until Regularly Nominated by the Chicago Convention.

New York, February 9.—The following will appear editorially in to-morrow's Times:

"A near personal and political friend of ex-President Grant, who doubtless knows whereof he speaks, authorizes the following as a correct statement of the General's position with reference to the presidency: He says General Grant is not now nor has he ever been a candidate for the presidency; but should the Republican National Convention nominate him in the same manner as any other candidate would be nominated, he would deem it his duty to the country and party to accept. Traveling abroad he was a stranger to the contest now going on for the presidential nomination, and has written no letter on the subject to any person, and all assertions to the contrary are without foundation."

THE "HERALD" FUND.

Money Rolling in Rapidly for the Relief of Ireland.

New York, February 9.—The Herald's Irish Famine Fund is a great success. It has received contributions at the rate of hundreds of dollars per hour. Among the latest large contributors are Dion Boucicault, P. T. Barnum, Rose Coghlan, Cornelius Vanderbilt, the Iman steamship agent and others. Among the remarkable contributions is one from the Liberty Bells. Boucicault thinks if the four or five hundred theaters and Music Halls in the United States give a benefit for the Irish distress on St. Patrick's Day, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars may be raised by them. The Herald's Famine Fund, which is a theatrical party, is thought that if St. Patrick's Day parades and banquets are not held, and the money they would cost, together with the extra sums that might be raised by would-be participants in special efforts, a quarter of a million dollars could be collected for famine-stricken Ireland. A morning paper says: "There are between seven and eight thousand newspapers, daily and weekly, in America, and if they were to unite for the relief of Irish distress, what might they not achieve in the great work of feeding a starving people!"

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NEW YORK.

The Vanderbilt Boys Quarreling over the Commodore's Legacy.

New York, February 9.—Cornelius J. Vanderbilt applied to Judge Donohue to have his brother, Wm. H., removed as trustee from the trust imposed on him, and Edwin D. Worcester, by the execution of the trust deed made by Wm. H. Vanderbilt in the settlement of the one million dollar suit, and all other litigation between him and Cornelius. The latter's petition sets out that he and William are the sole surviving sons of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and that the activities of the business essentially to the health and comfort, and having paid out a greater portion of what he has received in settlement of old debts he has not enough to properly carry on a business. That by a trust deed he is only allowed interest on the money invested, and that the decision which represents it having now reached their highest value, and being overrated on account of the connection of Wm. H. with them, he maintains that they should be sold, and he asks that one-half of the four hundred thousand dollars invested be paid him. He stated that his brother is worth over one hundred million dollars, and that his receiving the money asked for would work no injury to any one.

The petition further states and sets forth fully the facts written by the petitioner to Wm. H., which states the above facts, and also the reply of the latter denying the application; and on that ground he appeals to the court. In the trust deed of which Edwin D. Worcester is trustee, it gives the following provision: "The income of the following property, 1,500 shares at \$100 each of New York Central stock; 1,000 shares at \$500 each of Capital stock of the New York and Harlem R.R.; 100,000 of 3 and 5 per cent bonds of the Erie Railroad; due in 1908, and \$58,000 of second mortgage 7 per cent bonds of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company, due in 1903."

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ACROSS THE OCEAN.

No Ruler for Afghanistan but England.

Burning of the Theatre Royal, Dublin.

The Boyd-Elliott Boat Race at Newcastle.

Trial of King Alfonso's Assassin.

ENGLISH PARLIAMENT DEBATES.

LONDON, February 9.—In the House of Commons to-night Mr. Henry, Home Ruler member for Galway, resumed debate on the amendment to the address of the Queen. He commenced the Government for its inaction in Ireland, and suggested a vote of £10,000,000 or £15,000,000, to be used in building railroads in different parts of Ireland, and the commencement of a systematic reclamation of waste lands.

W. E. Foster, Liberal, declared that if the Government had not done their best to ward off the horrors of the famine no censure would be too great for them. As the Government were taking steps to avert the famine, and as he could not but believe that they would be able to succeed, he should vote against the amendment. He could not agree that the land tenure was the sole cause of the distress. He hoped the session would not close without an attempt being made to deal with the famine. William Henry Smith, first Lord Admiralty, argued that to have entered upon the ambitious schemes of reproductiveness in Ireland, would have interfered with the natural course of food supply and employment.

THE TWO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

The Republican National Convention, which will meet in Chicago June 3d, will consist of 750 delegates, a majority only of whom is required to nominate. Two delegates are allowed for each Representative and Senator in Congress and two from each territory and the District of Columbia. There are 233 Representatives, 76 Senators, 8 territories and the District, and that number doubled makes 756. It will require 378 votes to nominate.

ENGLISH AQUATICS.

NEWCASTLE, February 9.—Notwithstanding unfavorable weather, an enormous crowd gathered to witness the Boyd-Elliott race to-day. Rain and sleet fell throughout the contest. Boyd was the favorite in the betting 6 to 4. A fair start having been made, Boyd at once drove his boat to the front, and left about one length in the first forty yards. Elliott, who started badly, then settled down to his work, and when a quarter of a mile had been traversed Boyd only led by a quarter of a length. Boyd then again started, and showing a decidedly superior hand, he settled down to an easy swing of fifty-two strokes to the minute, and contained himself with keeping three lengths ahead of the balance of the race, when he spurred, passing under it four lengths ahead. Boyd's time, 22:47; Elliott's, 23:00.

ENGLAND.

HAVANA, February 9.—A treaty has been signed between China and Spain, by which the Chinamen can be contracted for to labor in Cuba, as heretofore. On Saturday night the grant party, except Gen. Grant, were present at the family reception of Pedro de S. Herreras, a navy captain. The General remained at home, having received a telegram announcing the death of his friend, Adolph E. Bore, a very able and energetic man.

IRELAND.

DUBLIN, February 9.—There are still deplorable accounts from some districts

Time in Agriculture.

The Journal of Forestry briefly sums up many of the uses of time when applied to the soil. The effects of time, as will be seen, are in part mechanical and in part chemical.

1. Upon deep alluvial and clay soil it increases the crop of potatoes, and renders them less waxy. Sprinkled over potatoes in a store heap it preserves them, and when sprinkled over them it renders it wonderfully increases their fertility.

2. Lime eradicates the finger-and-toe disease in turnips, and gives greater soundness to the bulbs.

3. It gives, when applied to meadow land, a large profit of more nutritious grass. It also exterminates coarse and sour grasses, destroys coarse grass, and acts powerfully upon rye grasses.

4. Upon arable lands it destroys weeds of various kinds.

5. It rapidly decomposes vegetable matter, producing a large amount of food for plants in the form of carbonic acid gas.

6. It destroys or neutralizes the acids in the soils; hence its adaptability to sour soils.

7. It acts powerfully upon some of the inorganic parts of the soil, especially on the sulphate of iron found in peaty soils, and the sulphate of magnesia and alumina.

8. It proves fatal to worms and slugs, and drives out of injurious insects, though favorable to the growth of shell-bearers.

9. Slacked lime added to vegetable matter causes it to give off its nitrogen in the form of ammonia. Upon soils in which ammonia is combined with acids, it sets free the ammonia, which is seized upon by the plants.

10. Its solubility in water causes it to sink into and ameliorate the subsoil. When the soil contains fragments of granite or trap, the lime causes the decomposition and liberates the silicates.

11. Its combination with the acids in the soil produces saline compounds, such as potash, soda, etc.

12. Strewed over your plants, it destroys or makes it more turnip.

13. Worked in with grass seeds, the beneficial effects of lime, chalk, marl, and shell sand have been visible for thirty years.

14. Applied to the rot heap, lime effectually destroys the seeds of weeds.

Notes on Department.

Keep your nails pared, and keep paired yourself. Single blessedness is an empty mockery.

Part your hair neatly. Part your fortune fairly.

Toe out, not in; especially, if you are an employer, you would do better to turn out your feet than your hands.

Keep your face cleanly shaved, and stop the hair from growing on your neck.

Don't talk with your mouth filled with food; and there is no call for your talking much under normal conditions.

Keep your clothing well brushed. If you have no brush, tell your wife how you can get one for your mother's cookery, and you will have one instantly.

See that your collar button is secure before you leave home in the morning. Else you will find your collar missing before night.

When talking, don't keep fumbling your face, as though you were fingering a nuclear instrument.